Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know whether the evidence of the contractor was obtained?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar: His evidence was recorded and that was also considered.

Mr. K. R. Elankath: May I know whether the Tahsildar has made an enquiry to be convinced that the complaints were groundless?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar: He was convinced that the complaints were frivolous.

Issue of grant memos.

82. *Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: (*Mavelikara and Tiruvalla* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when grant memos to primary schools are generally issued; and

(*b*) when they ought to be issued; and

(*c*) whether, owing to this change in the system from 1109, any improvement in the working of the schools has been noticed?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Grant memos to primary schools are generally issued on receipt of sanction for the budget estimate for the year.

(*b*) Grant memos ought to be issued soon after the budget allotment is made.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: May I know when the Director gets the sanction for the budget estimates?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: At the end of Kanni.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: May I know why the grant memos are issued only two months hence, in Vrischikam?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Grant memos are issued during the months of Thulam and Vrischikam.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: Is it not a hardship to the poor primary school teachers?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: I admit there is some hardship. But there will be no hardship if the managements were more alive to their duties and responsibilities.

Adverse effect of the Fee Concession Rules.

83. *Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla*: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received petitions from backward Christian communities in regard to the adverse effect of the new Fee Concession Rules on the education of their pupils, and if, so, whether any action has been taken on them?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Yes. Final orders have been passed after considering these petitions.

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